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For: MICROFLUIDIC SURFACES

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a three month extension of time to and including March 21, 2006 to respond to the Office Action mailed September 21, 2005. Our check in the amount of \$1,020.00 covering the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(a)(3) is enclosed.

In the event that a further petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted at this time, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to ensure that the above-identified application does not become abandoned.

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